

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1077  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2025**

**BRAIN-EATING AMOEBA CASES IN KERALA**

**1077. SHRI HARIS BEERAN:**

Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any initiatives to control the surge in deadly brain-eating amoeba cases in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry would send any expert team to Kerala to research or study the alarming rise in infections and deaths of people due to Naegleria fowleri disease; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (d) A high-level meeting was conducted by Secretary, Department of Health Research/Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) with National and State experts to review the surge in amoebic meningoencephalitis cases in Kerala. National Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) surveillance was reinforced through 18 Virus Research & Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs), with emphasis on cross-validation of tests, improved environmental surveillance, and evidence-based treatment guidance.

The Government of India continues to support Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities and collaboration with the State of Kerala for research, prevention, and preparedness. Detailed epidemiological assessments were conducted by NCDC, reinforcing surveillance and strengthening IEC activities. Accordingly, a revised Communicable Disease (CD) alert was issued by NCDC, New Delhi on Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis in October 2024 highlighting management, preventive and control measures.

(Source: <https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CD-Alert-Primary-Amoebic-Meningo-Encephalitis.pdf>)

An investigation on the incidence of Amoebic Meningoencephalitis was conducted by National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Kozhikode branch which comes under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare with the help of concerned District Health Authorities in the month of July, 2024.

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